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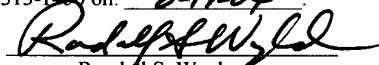
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Applicant : Jean-Philippe J. de Sandro
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 20, 2004, please amend the above-identified as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.